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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
February 8, 2018.

I hereby appoint the Honorable RODNEY DAVIS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

PAUL D. RYAN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 8, 2018, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties. All time shall be equally allocated between the parties, and in no event shall debate continue beyond 9:50 a.m. Each Member, other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip, shall be limited to 5 minutes.

COLLEGES SHOULD BE PREPARED TO DEAL WITH SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. POE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, when Anna first set foot on the campus of Hobart and William Smith Colleges in 2014, she immediately fell in love with the school. Nestled deep in the scenic New York Finger Lakes, the small liberal arts college appeared serene and safe.

On that beautiful campus, however, was hiding a much more dangerous re-

ality. Unfortunately, Anna would discover the terrible truth just two weeks after she arrived.

On the second Saturday of the semester, Anna was eager to go out and meet more of her fellow classmates. As the night went on, Anna got separated from her friends. When they received a text from her telling them that she was scared of someone she had met and didn't know what to do, they began frantically searching for her.

It wasn't until the early-morning hours that they finally found her, bent over a pool table with a football player appearing to sexually assault her. Her friends immediately took her back to the dormitory. Anna was very ill, pale, and disoriented. Worried that she had been drugged and raped, her friends called the paramedics.

After assessing Anna, the paramedics knew she needed to be examined by a sexual assault forensic examiner, commonly called a SAFE. SAFEs are specially trained to deal with sexual assault victims and collect forensic evidence through rape kits. Especially in cases where the victim has been drugged or was inebriated, forensic evidence can provide important evidence against an attacker.

Anna was lucky that the paramedics knew she must be treated by a SAFE, but unfortunately, many victims at colleges are never given this option. To ensure that all victims can have this care, I have introduced legislation that would require a hospital to provide access to a SAFE and a university to provide access to a SAFE who is properly trained to provide care sensitive to the trauma a rape victim has been experiencing or to have a plan in place to quickly get a victim to a nearby hospital.

The bill, named the Megan Rondini Act in honor of a college rape victim who was denied proper post-rape treatment at a hospital, will ensure victims can access the care they need.

After the medical exam, Anna returned to school and reported the attack. She was shocked, however, when the school reacted with skepticism and indifference. Without giving Anna any time to prepare or even get the results of her rape kit, the school immediately held a hearing to adjudicate the case. There was no campus victim advocate to assist her and speak up for her during the disciplinary hearing. The panelists spoke over her, interrupted her, and asked her all types of accusatory questions.

So, just 12 days after the assault, the school cleared the accused of all charges. Devastated, Anna took leave to recover at home. And while Anna eventually did return to finish her degree, she never believed justice against her attacker was achieved.

All victims of sexual assault on campus should have access to a victim advocate. Advocates can offer counseling, legal advice, assistance during hearings, and emotional support. Perhaps if Anna had access to this vital service, she would have gotten the justice that she was seeking.

Mr. Speaker, if colleges and universities choose to adjudicate sexual assault on campus independent of law enforcement investigation, then victims should have access to a campus victim advocate who is trained under Title IX. This is only fair. Schools must be prepared to deal with sexual assault victims and must have access to a SAFE, and they must have access to a victim advocate. Otherwise, victims will never know whether justice is served for them. And justice, Mr. Speaker, is supposed to be what we do, even on university campuses.

And that is the just the way it is.

DON'T DEPORT DREAMERS; VOTE AGAINST THE BUDGET

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. GUTIÉRREZ) for 5 minutes.

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Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, we sat here and heard the President's State of the Union Address in which he spoke about immigration and immigrants.

A couple of things I want to highlight: No, Mr. President, not all immigrants are, A, Latino, and not all immigrants, Mr. President, are members of organized gangs, MS-13. I know you don't want to be fair and you didn't want to talk about the immigrants who are doctors, healing people every day in our hospitals; the immigrants who are teachers, educating Americans every day in our schools; the engineers who are innovating and creating new infrastructure that keep us safe and keep us modern in America.

No, you don't want to even talk about the millions of immigrants who toil in our fields, without papers, without documentation; and we know and we see the fruit of their labor, both literally and figuratively speaking, when we go to our grocery stores.

Who do you think does that work, does that hard work in the fields? People born American citizens? No. People who have come here. But we didn't want to talk about that.

And then, after you criminalized immigrants and made them these scary people who come to rob and to maim and to murder, you then went ahead and said: And by the way, those who come here legally, sponsored by their relatives, by their parents, by their brothers and sisters, by their immediate family members, they too pose a threat. You said, Mr. President, they come here as immigrants and then they sponsor an unlimited number of distant relatives.

Well, last time I checked, in my personal life, my wife, whom you can sponsor, is a pretty close relative to me; my children and my parents. Those are the only people that you can sponsor. Yes, parents, children, and your spouse. But you said there were unlimited.

So, if that is a lie, what part of what you said was true? Well, virtually nothing. Because if the underpinning of one of your arguments is shown to be false, then what is true?

And then this week we saw this administration go from calling immigrants criminals to saying they are just downright lazy. No. I say to the Chief of Staff of the President of the United States, the DREAMers are not lazy. They may be afraid because it was an executive order which many of them feared a new President might revoke and put them in jeopardy; that is true. But lazy, they are not.

They scraped together the \$500, went through the background checks, not once but twice and thousands of them three times, in order to get what you today want to take away from them: their ability to work and to live freely in this country with nothing from the government.

So, if you didn't think the criminalization of immigrants was wrong, if

you didn't think the demonization of them as hordes of people who can bring unlimited numbers of distant relatives—that lie was wrong—if you didn't think calling them just lazy was wrong—no—you know what I see? Barack Obama said he saw people who were inculcated with the same values that he inculcates in his very daughters. He made a direct relationship between DREAMers and his own children.

I want to go one step further than that. I don't see my children in them; I see fellow Americans. I see fellow Members of the House of Representatives. And I know that scares the hell out of a lot of Americans that that could be, but it shouldn't because it is the way forward. And they are going to come, and they are going to be integrated because we are going to get them the one thing that they need—that piece of paper—because they are Americans.

They are serving in the Armed Forces and dying for us today. Serving in the Armed Forces. And they are working, and they are healing. Why can't we let people who are doctors and lawyers and people who are nurses and people who are in the Armed Forces stay? They have been through the background checks. Because that is not the kind of America that some of us want to see in the future.

So today they are going to bring over from the Senate a proposal. They are going to lift the caps, and they are going to say: Let's vote on our budget. Well, I say to everybody, don't collude with this administration and deport DREAMers. Vote against the budget.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. POE of Texas). Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

Members are also reminded to direct all of their remarks to the Chair and not to others outside the Chamber.

CONGRATULATING DEREK LEONARD ON HIS COACH OF THE YEAR NOMINATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. RODNEY DAVIS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Coach Derek Leonard, who was nominated by the Chicago Bears for the 2017 Don Shula NFL High School Coach of the Year award.

Nominees for this award are chosen for their character, integrity, leadership, dedication to their community, commitment to player health and safety, and on-field success. Derek Leonard exemplifies all of these qualities. Coach Leonard has coached the Rochester Rockets football team since 2006 with an impressive 133-29 career record, including a record seven State championships, the most by any public school in my home State of Illinois.

Derek is known for being one of the most gifted offensive minds in high

school football, but Coach Leonard reaches beyond football with his message of faith, family, and football, in that order. He is a leader with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and ensures his players are equipped to become good men in life after they graduate from high school and walk off of that football field.

I am proud to have Coach Leonard as a friend, and I want to congratulate him and his family and his team on this honor.

THE PROPOSED SPENDING BILL IS NOT FISCALLY CONSERVATIVE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, the spending bill we will vote on later today will pass because there is something in it for almost everyone, but there is nothing fiscally conservative about it. It busts all the budget caps, adding \$300 billion over the next 2 years, when spending was already going up anyway. There are no pay-fors or offsets for the disaster billions, as we have done in the past.

I repeat, there is nothing fiscally conservative about this bill. Our deficit for the last fiscal year was an astounding \$666 billion. This bill makes it certain that this fiscal year it will be even higher. This bill raises our national debt limit when our debt is already a mind-boggling, incomprehensible \$20 trillion. This bill puts us on a path to a \$30 trillion debt in a very few years. I say again, there is nothing fiscally conservative about this bill.

The easiest thing in the world to do, Mr. Speaker, is spend other people's money, but this is getting ridiculous. There is an old saying about spending like a drunken sailor. Even drunk sailors never spent money this recklessly.

I will say once again and close by saying, there is nothing conservative or fiscally conservative about this bill.

HONORING PFC JOHN WILLIAM LITTLE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois). The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. CURBELO) for 5 minutes.

Mr. CURBELO of Florida. Mr. Speaker, Army Private First Class Johnny Little is a former resident of my district who had been killed in action at the very young age of 19 near Cologne, Germany, while fighting Nazis during World War II. Once Private First Class Little's remains were brought to south Florida, three years after being killed, he was regrettably buried without the recognition of his service that should have marked his grave all these years.

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When I became aware of his case last year, I felt it was important this mistake be corrected quickly. My staff immediately opened a case and located